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October 19, 2017

Mr. C.A. McDonald, General Manager
Rayonier Performance Fibers, LLC
PO Box 2002
Fernandina Beach, Florida 32035

Re: Project No. 0890004-057-AC
Rayonier Performance Fibers, LLC, Fernandina Beach Sulfite Pulp Mill
Air Construction Permit

Dear Mr. McDonald:

On September 13, 2017, you submitted an application for an air construction permit to replace the internal heating elements (known as lamella) in three of the existing multiple effect evaporators (3B, 5A, and 6A) to restore and maintain the evaporation capacity of the units along with the changing the liquor distribution system in these three evaporators to an improved design. The improved design will provide better distribution of liquor across the plates and prevent fouling and pluggage from occurring as quickly. The evaporator bodies will not be replaced as a part of this project. The project is scheduled to occur during the mill's 2018 annual plant outage.

The existing facility is located in Nassau County at 10 Gum Street in Fernandina Beach, Florida.

Enclosed are the following documents: the Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit; the Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit; the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination; and the Draft Permit with Appendices. The Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit is the actual notice that you must have published in the legal advertisement section of a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by this project.

If you have any questions, please contact the project engineer, Rita Felton-Smith, by telephone at (904) 256-1556 or by email at Rita.Felton-Smith@dep.state.fl.us.

Executed in Jacksonville, Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Michelle Neeley, Environmental Manager
Permitting Program

Enclosures

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WRITTEN NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT

In the Matter of an
Application for Air Permit by:

Rayonier Performance Fibers, LLC
PO Box 2002
Fernandina Beach, Florida 32035

Project No. 0890004-057-AC
Minor Air Construction Permit

Rayonier Performance Fibers, LLC
Fernandina Beach Sulfite Pulp Mill
Nassau County, Florida

Authorized Respresentative:

Mr. C.A. McDonald, General Manager

Facility Location: Rayonier Performance Fibers, LLC operates the existing Fernandina Beach sulfite pulp mill, which is located in Nassau County at the 10 Gum Street, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034.

Project: An Air construction permit for the replacement of the intenral heating elements in three of the existing multiple effect evaporators (3B, 5A, and 6A) to restore and maintain the evaporation capacity of the units along with changing the liquor distribution system in these three evaporators to an improved design. The project is scheduled for the 2018 annual plant outage. Details of the project are provided in the application and the enclosed Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination.

Permitting Authority: Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210 and 62-212 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and an air permit is required to perform the proposed work. The Department of Environmental Protection's Northeast District Office Permitting Program is the Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project. The Permitting Authority's physical address is: 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. The Permitting Authority's mailing address is: 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is 904/256-1700.

Project File: A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the draft permit, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, the application, and the information submitted by the applicant, exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S. Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project review engineer for additional information at the address or phone number listed above.

Notice of Intent to Issue Permit: The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue an air permit to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that operation of the proposed equipment will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-296 and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a final permit in accordance with the conditions of the draft permit unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. or unless public comment received in accordance with this notice results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

Public Notice: Pursuant to Section 403.815, F.S. and Rules 62-110.106 and 62-210.350, F.A.C., you (the applicant) are required to publish at your own expense the enclosed Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit (Public Notice). The Public Notice shall be published one time only as soon as possible in the legal advertisement section of a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by this project. The newspaper used must meet the requirements of Sections 50.011 and 50.031, F.S. in the county where the activity is to take place. If you are uncertain that a newspaper meets these requirements, please contact the Permitting Authority at above address or phone number. Pursuant to Rule 62-110.106(5) and (9), F.A.C., the applicant shall provide proof of publication

to the Permitting Authority at the above address within 7 days of publication. Failure to publish the notice and provide proof of publication may result in the denial of the permit pursuant to Rule 62-110.106(11), F.A.C.

Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the draft permit for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of the Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the Permitting Authority by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on or before the end of the 14-day period. If written comments received result in a significant change to the draft permit, the Permitting Authority shall revise the draft permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection.

Petitions: A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Petitions filed by the applicant or any of the parties listed below must be filed within 14 days of receipt of this written notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the attached Public Notice or within 14 days of receipt of this written notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. A petition for administrative hearing must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) with the Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, Agency_Clerk@dep.state.fl.us, before the deadline. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, any email address, telephone number and any facsimile number of the petitioner; the name, address any email address, telephone number, and any facsimile number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how each petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Permitting Authority's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this written notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Permitting Authority on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Mediation: Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

Executed in Jacksonville, Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Michelle Neeley, Environmental Manager
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned duly designated deputy clerk hereby certifies that this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit (including the Public Notice, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, and the draft permit) and all copies were sent on the filing date below to the following listed persons:

Mr. David Rogers, Rayonier Performance Fibers, LLC (david.rogers@rayonieram.com)
Mr. C.A. McDonald, Rayonier Performance Fibers, LLC (ca.mcdonald@rayonieram.com)
Mr. David A. Buff, P.E. (dbuff@golder.com)

FILING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
FILED, on this date, pursuant to Section 120.52, F. S., with the designated Department Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

_____ October 19, 2017
Clerk **Date**